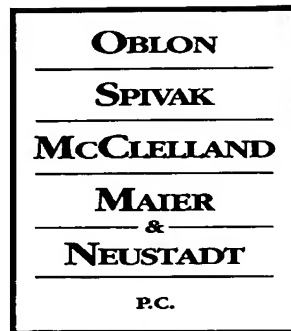




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Response to Restriction Requirement

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In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed April 19, 2005, Applicants elect Group I: Claims 1-8, 10-13, 20, and 25-41, drawn to polynucleotides encoding a protein having apoptosis inducing activity, a complementary sequence to the polynucleotide, a vector and transformant comprising the polynucleotide, and a method of using the polynucleotides to produce protein, for examination.

REMARKS

The Examiner has required restriction of the above-identified application as follows:

- Group I: Claims 1-8, 10-13, 20, and 25-41, drawn to polynucleotides encoding a protein having apoptosis inducing activity, a complementary sequence to the polynucleotide, a vector and transformant comprising the polynucleotide, and a method of using the polynucleotide to produce protein;
- Group II: Claims 9 and 21-24, drawn to proteins;
- Group III: Claims 14 and 42-45, drawn to antibodies against the protein;